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STL City Office

(Formerly Forest Park Office)
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Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

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MDC Telecheck has new questions on deer and turkey harvests

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) wants deer and turkey hunters to know that the Telecheck system for reporting harvests will ask some new questions this fall and winter when hunters check their game.

Telecheck will ask deer hunters who harvest does if the distance from the edge of the eyeball to the edge of the nostril is greater than 4.5 inches. For deer hunters who harvest antlered bucks, Telecheck will ask if the circumference of an antler one inch above the base is greater than 2.5 inches (the approximate circumference of a nickel). The measurement request will not apply to hunters who harvest button bucks.

MDC advises hunters to take a tape measure or other measuring device with them while deer hunting. For hunters using paper permits, MDC has included a handy ruler on all printed deer permits.

The measurements will help Department staff better determine age classes of harvested deer as part of MDC's deer management efforts.

To help assess the impacts from crossbows on the archery-methods deer harvest, Telecheck will ask archery hunters if they used a crossbow to harvest their deer. The upcoming deer-hunting season is the first to allow crossbows under archery methods.

Telecheck will also ask whether a deer or turkey was harvested on public or private land.

The Conservation Department thanks Missouri's deer and turkey hunters for their help.

Get details on the new Telecheck requirements for deer and turkey harvests, along with other fall deer and turkey hunting information from MDC's "2016 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" booklet available where hunting permits are sold, and online at mdc.mo.gov.

Nature Shop Catalog

Great Ideas for Holiday Giving

See the October issue of "The Conservationist" for a copy of the catalog or go online at mdc.mo.gov

Announcement

Hunters who harvest deer during the opening weekend of the fall firearms November portion (Nov. 12 and 13) in any of the 29 counties of the Department's Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zone in northeast, central, and east-central Missouri are required to present their deer for CWD sample collection on the day of harvest at one of 75 MDC CWD sampling locations throughout the 29 counties. Hunters also have the option of presenting just the deer head with about six inches of neck attached. Sampling locations will be open from 7:30 a.m. through 8 p.m. The 29 counties of the CWD Management Zone are: Adair, Boone, Callaway, Carroll, Chariton, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Knox, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, Putnam, Randolph, St. Charles, St. Louis, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan, Warren, and Washington.

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Events Near You

Visit mdc.mo.gov/regions/st-louis for more information about programs in the St. Louis region.

Jay Henges Range **636-938-9548**

Reservations are required for ALL programs. To register, call (636) 938-9548 ext. 0 or email <http://mdc.mo.gov/HengesRange>.

Beginning Handgun

Nov 3 • Thursday • 6–9 p.m.

(Ages 16 and up)

Reservations begin Oct 20.

This program will include handgun operation, shooting fundamentals, safety, maintenance, and safe storage. We start in the classroom then move to the range for a live-fire session. Equipment and ammunition will be provided; you may bring your own handgun and ammunition to the live-fire session. (Ages 16-18 must be accompanied by an adult)

Beginning Archery

Nov 10 • Thursday • 6–9 p.m.

(Families, fourth grade and up)

Reservations begin October 27.

Learn the fundamentals of shooting the bow and arrow based on the Missouri National Archery in the Schools Program (MoNASP). All equipment will be provided.

Busch Range **636-441-4554**

Basic Archery

Nov 9 • Wednesday • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

(Ages 9 and up)

Reservations begin October 9.

Acquire the knowledge and skills needed to safely participate in this fun and rewarding outdoor activity. All equipment and materials will be provided for this class. This course will meet in the Busch CA classroom. (Children ages 9-16 must be accompanied by an adult.)

August A. Busch **Conservation Area** **636-441-4554**

The Giving Tree

November, all month

(All Ages)

Are the approaching holidays already over-elm...ing? Take a break and hike, fish, or just enjoy nature here at Busch. While you're here stop by the visitor center to let us know why you're thankful for Missouri wildlife by adding a leaf to our indoor tree!

Missouri Wildlife Trivia Night

Nov 4 • Friday • 7–9 p.m.

(Ages 8 to adult)

Reservations begin Oct 17.

Gather your outdoorsy friends and family to see if you really know it all. You'll compete against other teams for prizes and bragging rights! Bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

Lions, Foxes, and Bears, Oh My!!

Nov 5 • Saturday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 7–12)

Reservations begin Oct 17.

Come learn all about fur bearing critters that make their homes in Missouri! These interesting animals have provided people with clothing and food for centuries and continue to be critical to the balance of nature in our state.

Go Off Trail with Map, Compass, and Laser!

Nov 5 • Saturday • 12:30–4:30 p.m.

Nov 12 • Saturday • 6:30–9:30 p.m.

(Families, ages 10 and up)

Reservations begin Oct 24.

Day 1, we'll learn to use the instruments in class and then test your new skills finding fixed landmarks at Busch. On day 2, return with your family and find your way on the same course ... only this time in the dark!



Thank Goodness for Turkeys!

Nov 15 • Tuesday • 10–11 a.m.

(Ages 3–6)

Reservations begin Nov 4.

Turkeys play a big part in our big November feast, but what else makes them so important? Let's learn all about turkeys and make a take home craft.

Use Your Head!

Nov 16 • Wednesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 8–12)

Reservations begin Nov 4.

Heads up- you can learn a lot about animals by examining their skulls. Get a close-up, hands-on look comparing skulls of Missouri mammals.

Night Hike – Busch Hiking/ Biking Trail

Nov 19 • Saturday • 5:30–8:30 p.m.

(Adults)

Reservations begin Nov 4.

Experience the sounds of the night during a moderate hike on the 3.5 mile Busch Hiking/Biking trail. We may hear howling coyotes and owls if we're lucky.

For-Evergreen Trees

Nov. 21 • Monday • 7–8 p.m.

(Ages 8–12)

Reservations begin Nov 4.

Temperatures are dropping but evergreens are still green! Come learn how these trees hold on to their greenery year round, how they benefit wildlife, and make a tree of your own! This program is off-site at Upcycle Treasure Box on Telegraph Road.

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

314-877-6014

Dutch Oven Cooking

Nov 12 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

(Families)

Reservations begin Oct 22.

Explore the basics of this timeless outdoor skill. If you bring the interest and enthusiasm, we will bring the fixins and the know-how. Call us, we'll do lunch.

Super-Moonlight at the Confluence

Nov 13 • Sunday • 4:30–6 p.m.

(All Ages)

Reservations begin Oct 26.

Stroll beneath the light of a rising supermoon. Look and listen for Columbia Bottom's night time residents. Meet at parking lot N – about 4 ¾ miles from the front entrance.

Fall Flying Milkweed

Nov 22 • Tuesday • noon–2 p.m.

(Ages 8 and up)

Reservations begin Oct 19.

Help save the Monarch butterfly one day and one seed at a time! You will learn about monarchs and milkweed, and then paint your own outdoor craft to rival the colors of fall and give a milkweed seed a home.



Stay Connected

Sign up for email notices and facility texting information at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MODC/subscribers/new>

In Memory of Bernadette Sieving and Shirley Pearstone, Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center Volunteers

Bernadette Sieving passed away Saturday, July 20, 2016. Bernadette was a dedicated teacher before retiring. She began volunteering in 2001 and devoted more than 1500 hours to conservation through her volunteer work. Bernadette will be remembered for her wonderful smile.

Shirley Pearlstone began volunteering in 1999. She passed away in July. Shirley was an avid horsewoman and volunteered over 3300 hours greeting visitors and sharing her love of nature.

Bernadette and Shirley will be missed by staff, volunteers, and visitors.

VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

Marti Pawol	400 hours	Jordan Waldeschmidt	200 hours
Jeanmarie Themes	200 hours		

STL City Office (Formerly Forest Park Office)

314-877-6014

Please note: The Forest Park Office is relocating to South St. Louis. While the move is underway, reservations will be handled through the Columbia Bottom Conservation Area office at 314-877-6014 Wednesday–Sunday.

Leaf Celebration

Nov 11 • Friday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(Ages 10–14)

Reservations begin Oct 7.

School's out today, so let's have a leaf celebration complete with leaf piles, leaf colors, and leaf matter. Bring a sack lunch, water bottle, wear warm comfortable clothing, and "leaf" the rest up to us. Gather at pavilion #11 in the JFK Memorial Forest and Outdoor Classroom in Forest Park.

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-  facebook.com/MDOnline
-  instagram.com/moconservation
-  twitter.com/MDC_Online and [Nature_Videos](https://twitter.com/Nature_Videos)
-  youtube.com/user/moconservation
-  pinterest.com/MOConservation

Rockwoods Reservation

636-458-2236

Let's Talk Turkey

Nov 10 • Thursday • 10–11:30 a.m.

(Ages 5–7)

Reservations begin Oct 27.

Learn about November's favorite bird - the turkey. We will learn about turkeys, play a game, and make a craft. Let's get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving!

Use Your Head!

Nov 15 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 8–12)

Reservations begin Nov 1.

Heads up - you can learn a lot about animals by examining their skulls. Get a close-up, hands-on look, comparing skulls of Missouri mammals.

Turkey Trek

Nov 19 • Saturday • 1–3 p.m.

(Any age that can hike 2 miles)

Reservations begin Nov 4.

Join us for an invigorating mid-November hike of the 2-mile Turkey Ridge Trail. As we progress along the trail we will talk about the habitat, food, habits, and calls of wild turkeys, and if we are lucky we may see one!

Managed Archery Deer Hunt

Powder Valley's building and trails will be CLOSED Saturday, November 5, through Monday, November 7, for a managed archery deer hunt.

Missouri offers numerous managed deer hunts for archery, crossbow, muzzleloading, and modern firearms from mid-September through January. One of the archery hunts this year will be held at Powder Valley. Long term, the effects of too many deer include significant habitat destruction, higher disease rate, and stress on the animals. Goals of managed hunts include balancing healthy habitat with a healthy deer population and continued viewing opportunities.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center 314-301-1500

Reminder: Trail hours will change to 8 a.m.–6 p.m. at the end of Daylight Saving Time, November 6!

Nature's Nook Book Club for Adults

Nov 4 • Friday • 10–11:30 a.m.

(Adults)

Reservations begin Oct 21.

Our book club meets every other month to discuss a work of fiction or non-fiction related to the natural world. Mississippi Solo, by Eddy L. Harris is the story of an adventurer who is fulfilling his lifelong dream of canoeing the whole Mississippi River, from Minnesota to New Orleans. Start reading, and we will see you soon!



THE ART WORLD ASSOCIATION

Powder Valley welcomes the return of The Art World Association. The Art World Association has been active in the arts since its founding in 1963 as a fine arts and fine crafts organization. This nonprofit organization includes professional and nonprofessional members who hold exhibitions in the St. Louis area.

You and Me under the Canopy

Nov 8 • Tuesday • 10–11 a.m.

(Ages 2–6)

Reservations begin Oct 25.

Families, meet in the nature center lobby for a “nature” adventure. Everyone will hike with the naturalist to a special place in the forest and enjoy a nature story under the tree canopy. Siblings are welcome.



Scout Tables: Endangered Species

Nov 12 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(All ages)

No reservations necessary.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can earn portions of badges relating to nature and wildlife (also open to the public.) The spotlight will be on endangered species of Missouri.

Clever Crows

Nov 15 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 6 and up)

Reservations begin Nov 1.

When we think about which animals are smart, we don't often think about birds. However, crows are remarkably intelligent and clever. They make and use tools, they learn quickly, and they solve problems easily. Join us as we celebrate the cleverness of crows.

JUNIOR DUCK STAMP EXHIBIT

Powder Valley once again welcomes the Junior Duck Stamp “Best of Show” pieces during the month of November. The Junior Duck Stamp Conservation Program is sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service each year. The program is a dynamic arts curriculum that teaches wetlands and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school. First place winners from each state advance to the national competition.

For information on the Junior Duck Stamp Program please visit

<http://www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program/junior-duck-stamp-contest-information.php>